

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

Council Members Bud Otis, President; M.C. Keegan-Ayer, Vice-President; Tony Chmelik, Treasurer; Kirby Delauter, Jerry Donald, Jessica Fitzwater and Billy Shreve were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, Council Chief of Staff; Michael Chomel, County Attorney's Office; and Patti Morrow, Recording Secretary.

Council President Otis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the first floor hearing room, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, Maryland.

The meeting began with an invocation and the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments

- Rolan Clark
- Doug Kaplan
- Kimberly Mellon
- Stan Mordensky

Council Member Comments

Council Members Delauter and Shreve provided comments.

Business Items:

FY 2016 Draft Budget Actions – County Council

Sheriff Chuck Jenkins commented on the budget requests for the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Doug Browning, Chief Administrative Officer; and Mr. Mike Gastley and Ms. Kelly Weaver, Budget Office, answered questions and provided comments regarding the budget.

Council Member Delauter presented a proposal, utilizing a property tax rate of \$1.045/\$100 assessed property values, with reductions and additions to the County Executive's Draft FY 2016 Budget.

A lengthy discussion was held on the proposal.

By unanimous consent the proposal would be continued to Thursday, April 30 to allow time for the County Executive to review the items on the proposal including the additions and reductions in the departments, as enumerated, with the details being provided by Council Member Delauter.

(The Council took a brief break and reconvened at 7:00 p.m.)

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Public Hearing:

To Consider Bill #15-02 Concerning Revised Electric Lighting District Tax Rates – Mike Gastley, Interim Budget Officer, Budget Office

A public hearing was held, as duly advertised, on Bill #15-02 concerning the revised Electric Lighting District tax rates.

Mr. Gastley reviewed the proposed tax rates.

There were no public comments.

Council Member Keegan-Ayer moved to continue the bill for the third reading and adoption to Thursday, April 30. Council Member Donald seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald	X		
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

Discussion of Further Action of Monrovia Town Center Remand – County Council President Bud Otis

Public comment was heard from:

- Margaret Hindman, League of Women Voters of Frederick County
- Rolan Clark
- Steve Bruns
- Matt Seubert
- Anya Crane
- William Dolan
- Sandra Norris
- Teddy Kroll
- Tish Honse
- Buzz Lerch
- Chuck Honse
- Lisa Jarosinski
- Kathleen Meyer
- Dave Honchalk
- Libby Santacroce
- Paul Rose, Esquire, Miles and Stockbridge

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- Kimberly Mellon
- Stan Mordensky
- Brent Simmons
- Steve McKay

Mr. John Mathias, Office of the County Attorney, clarified the next steps for the Council regarding the decision of the Circuit Court.

Council Member Chmelik, on the matter of the Monrovia Town Center, moved that the Council, as directed by the Circuit Court, schedule a public hearing on the Frederick Area Committee for Transportation (FACT) letter. The purpose of the public hearing would be for the Council to receive public comment about the FACT letter and the impact, if any, of that letter on the decisions of the Board of County Commissioners to grant the requested Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning, to approve the Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance Letter of Understanding (APFO LOU) and to enter into the Development Rights and Responsibilities Agreement (DRRA). Council Member Delauter seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 - Donald	X		
District 2 - Chmelik	X		
District 3 - Keegan-Ayer	X		
District 4 - Fitzwater	X		
District 5 - Delauter	X		
At-large - Otis			
At-large - Shreve	X		
Presiding Officer - Otis	X		

Public Comments

- Steve McKay
- Brent Simmons
- Matt Seubert
- Anya Crane
- Teddy Kroll

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Bud Otis, President
County Council